

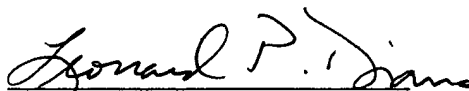
REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 1, 2004 and this amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed October 1, 2004. Claims 1-31 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 24, 27 and 29-31 are in independent form. Claim 30 has been further amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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